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[Translation]

Greenhouse Effect

6335. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether levels of water touching Indian coasts are affected by Greenhouse effect;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted on "Greenhouse Effect" and the consequent thrust of rapid climate changes by the foreign scientists and the Indian scientists; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). Scientists have estimated that the sea-level is rising roughly at the rate of 1 mm per year, but the exact relationship between the greenhouse effect and the levels of water on the Indian coast has not been established.

(c) Yes, Sir. Several studies have been conducted on various aspects of the greenhouse effect.

(d) The outcome has shown a trend of global warming and possible climate change, but there are numerous uncertainties regarding the causes, scale of impacts and regional variation.

[English]

Assistance for Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary

6336. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Forest Department has prepared a master plan to develop the Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary in Chikmagalur and Shimoga districts;

(b) if so, the whether the Karnataka Government has sought financial assistance therefor from the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). Central Government have received no master plan proposal for the development of the Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary in the Chikmagalur and Shimoga districts of Karnataka.

[Translation]

Quota of Berths at Samastipur

6337. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quota of berth for three-tier in 5609-UP (Avadh-Assam Express) from Samastipur station has been withdrawn;

(b) whether there is no quota for A. C. Chair car also from this station;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;